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1. THIS SUPPLEMENTS MOSCOW 13684.
2. WORKING GROUP MEETING THIS AFTERNOON (SEPTEMBER 25) WAS ATTENDED ON SOVIET SIDE BY BEZUMOV ALONE EXCEPT FOR PART-TIME ATTENDANCE BY MYASNIKOV. DURING MEETING MYASNIKOV DEPARTED FOR VIENNA.
3. BEZUMOV ADDRESSED ONLY PROTOCOL I ARTICLE VI AND SPOKE FROM HANDWRITTEN NOTES, WITH MYASNIKOV OBVIOUSLY HEARING FOR FIRST TIME WHAT BEZUMOV WAS SAYING.
4. BEZUMOV'S POINTS (BEING REPORTED IN USUAL WAY) WERE NOT IN FORM OF SPECIFIC SUGGESTED LANGUAGE.
5. WHEN ASKED WHEN WORKING GROUP COULD BEGIN ON PROTOCOL II, BEZUMOV SAID HE WOULD NEED AN EXPERT "ON HIS LEFT AND HIS RIGHT" TO DO THAT AND THEY ARE NOT AVAILABLE.
6. BEZUMOV STATED THAT SOVIET SIDE IS STUDYING QUESTIONS INVOLVED IN PROTOCOL II.
7. BEZUMOV SAID HE COULD NOT NOW SET DATE FOR NEXT WORKING

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GROUP MEETING, BUT HE WILL BE AT MEETING OF INFORMATION

EXCHANGE WORKING GROUP TOMORROW.

8. GENERAL IMPRESSION OF DELEGATION IS THAT SOVIETS ARE NOT
YET PREPARED TO DEAL SYSTEMATICALLY WITH MATTERS ASSIGNED TO
THE WORKING GROUP ON OBSERVER PROVISIONS AND PROTOCOL II.
UNLESS SAFRONOV HAS SOMETHING GOING THAT WAS NOT IN EVIDENCE
TODAY, PROSPECT FOR IMMEDIATE FUTURE IS SLOW-PACED DEVELOPMENT
OF LIST OF SOVIET COMMENTS AND CONCERNS.
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